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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application
☒ claims priority from Provisional Application Serial No. **60/193,694**, filed **March 31, 2000**
☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
 of prior application no.: ; filed .
☒ A Small Entity Statement(s) was filed in the prior application; Status still proper and desired.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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VARIANT OF THE SIGMA-1 RECEPTOR**

Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 49 pages of Specification (including 32 claims)
3. ☒ 7 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*)) [Note Box 5 Below]
 - c. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
7. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
8. ☒ Small Entity Statement(s) **Filed in parent application.**
9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and references cited
10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
11. ☐ English Translation Document

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 b. ☐ paper copy
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 14. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
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 16. ☒ Other: **Letter: Application filed under 1.41(c)**

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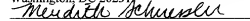
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APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.41(c)

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The above-identified application is being filed on behalf of the inventors, **Kenneth T. Wheeler**, resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; **Robert H. Mach**, resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; **Steven Childers**, resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; **Gregory Shelness**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and **Li-Ming Wang**, resident of Lexington, Kentucky, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c). A Declaration and Power of Attorney from the inventor will follow. 37 CFR 1.63.

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